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## Council Nominated for Next Year

### ALUMNI TO MEET ON CLASS DAY

An interesting innovation will take place in the class day program on June 3rd, Saturday afternoon. The Alumni Association has voted to hold their annual meeting on this date, in conjunction with the regular Class Day. It is hoped that the graduates will be keenly interested in seeing the modern program.

An executive committee of the alumni is planning to contribute several interesting features to class day exercises

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### FRESHMEN CONDUCT PERSONALITY POLL

Dick Kelliher and Mary O'Conner were revealed to be the most popular freshmen in a personality poll conducted recently among their classmates by two freshmen reporters. Other personalities were designated as follows:

Most friendly—Dick Finn, Virginia Sullivan; most accommodating—Bob Patch, Virginia Sullivan; most fun—Francis Murphy, Virginia Sullivan, Laila Ekin; most serious—Carl Bowman, Beulah Howard; best athlete—Lil Konsavage, Madeline Viner; best leader—Ray Edwards, Dot Dahlquist, Frances Merritt.

Best Dressed—Vincent Palermo, Helen Hill, Frances Merritt; class baby—Ray Farquhar, Katherine Proctor; class flirt—"Curly" Hopgood, Norma Hadd; quietest—Francis Sullivan, Beulah Howard; best dancer—Tony Tasca, Norma Hadd; busiest—Theodore Pierce, Dot Conroy; nosiest—Bill Powers, Bill Groves.

### ATTENDING CONFERENCE



Editor  
Herbert Downs

Printer  
Rowe Nevin



### F. T. C. REPRESENTED AGAIN AT COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASS'N

For the third successive year, this school is being represented in the conference of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Lester Aldrich, Rowe Nevin, and Emily Yauga left Fitchburg Wednesday night to attend this get-together of school journalists from the forty-eight states. With them were Herbert Downs, jointly sponsored by THE STICK, of which he has been editor for the past year, and the "Saxifrage", as he is the only nominee for the 1940 editor; and Mr. C. W. Hague, faculty advisor of our school publications.

These well chosen representatives will assuredly bring back much information which will prove to be of great value in future editions of THE STICK and "Saxifrage." The Columbia Scholastic Press Association is with-

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### DONOVAN AND HILL VIE FOR PRESIDENCY

### NOMINEES TO BE ELECTED BY ASSOCIATION SOON

At a meeting of the Cooperative Council held on Monday afternoon, March 6th, in the council chamber the following students were nominated for the offices of the council for the year 1939-40. The nominees are made up of eight juniors and seven sophomores.

Those nominated are: For president Howard Hill, William Donovan.

Vice-president: Claire Andrews, Siirka Waris, Edward Donnelly, Walter Harrod.

For secretary: Harry O'Connell, John Mulski, Beverly O'Donnell, Dorothy Sears, Ursula Jurga.

Treasurer: Bernice Cleaves, Edward Frye, Tauno Tamminen, Edward Driscoll.

Election of the officers will be held in a future association meeting.

### PROGRESSIVE POLICY URGED BY DOWNEY

Walter F. Downey, newly-appointed state commissioner of education, recently advocated that a study of the governments of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin be introduced into the school curriculum "so that children might perceive logically why American democracy serves best."

Proposing that democracy switch from the defensive to the offensive, Commissioner Downey declared that "the objectives be clarified in order that future voters may be aware of the contrasts between countries where freedom prevails and where freedom is limited."

He urged revamping of Amer-

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## POST OFFICE HOURS.

Several weeks ago we suggested in this column that certain changes be made in the post office hours. We are indeed grateful to those who made it possible to put these changes into effect. The new hours have proved to be very satisfactory.

But our troubles are not over. Certain changes have yet to be made. These changes pertain to the cooperation which the clerks must make in carrying out the new post office hours. It is not uncommon to witness a delay of five minutes in opening the office. Not long ago we witnessed a delay of exactly twelve minutes in opening the office for the purpose of selling books—the clerks were too busy typewriting to stop and tend the needs of the students. In order to catch a bus, several of the students had to leave before they could be waited upon.

If students must wait until a definite time to get their mail and buy textbooks, is it not fair to these students that they should be waited upon courteously and promptly when that time arrives? Just because the customers are students is no reason that the service they receive should not be equal to that which they would receive in any business house down town.

## THE ASH TRAY

by Roger Holt

*Straight From the Cob:* We blame the apple for all of mankind's trouble, but a green pair really started it ..... Rioting around Madison Square Garden the other night created a hot, cross bund ..... Our typist says that her boy-friend never seems to see the light..until she turns it out.... And then there's the wise crack our social secretary gave out when I asked her why she put a ten-cent stamp on a letter when it wasn't overweight. "No," she replied, "but it matches the stationery so well.....But after all, it's the sap that keeps the family tree from dying.

*Types:* F. Houle, Lord of all he surveys.....J. Loiko, "Slow-burn" Edgar Kennedy type.....J. Lonergan looks like Frank Jenks....Sarge Stanley typifies Alan Hale's "Wave of destruction" ....A jitterbug is the type that listens to music through his feet instead of his mind. Prepetrator-in-chief of noise—Duke Ellington.

*Sign on a Scotch Golf Course:* "Don't" pick up lost golf balls until they stop rolling.....

*I Wonder:* Why we can't take fog lights to classes so we can see through the subjects?..... If they've taken the face from the barroom floor yet, and put it on the ceilings of barber shops?... because ads on tonsorial parlor ceilings couldn't help being read during a shave.....If it's true that telephone poles only hit back in self defense?

*Daffynitions:* Broadway, Hero today—gone tomorrow.....Bridge players, Early to bid..early to raise.....Gossipers, Stop, look, and listen-in .....Printing ink, What your customer thinks about last—and complains about first....The end of grease—a pig's tail.....Unmitigated liars, those who say they don't enjoy training.

*And So:* The driest story ever told is the one about the Irishman (pardon me, Mac) and the Scotsman who went into a bar for a drink—and the Irishman was broke!.....Which leads us up to the conclusion that there's nothing that we can really believe in this world—even the battle of Bunker Hill wasn't on the level!!



## DEBATING SOCIETY PLANS ACTIVE SEASON

The Debating Club is starting its Spring program with four debates arranged for March.

A radio debate with Bay Path College over station WSPR at Springfield took place on March 9th. George Joseph was the first speaker for the affirmative of the alliance question, Thomas Moran presented the second argument, and Donald Johnson, president of the club, gave the rebuttal.

The same afternoon another team, composed of Ray Edwards, Joseph Lalli, and Helen Gibson, debated the American International College at Springfield, upholding the affirmative side of the same question. The system of one main speech and one rebuttal for each speaker was followed in the second debate.

The Fitchburg Club will entertain Keene Normal School Debating Society, March 31st, upholding the negative side of the Anglo-American alliance question. This argument will be the first home debate of the season and will be judged by three members of the board of eleven judges, who are leading, civic minded residents of Fitchburg.

A debate with Bridgewater is being arranged for the third week in March. This debate will launch debating as an activity at Bridgewater, and it will be presented in the Horace Mann Auditorium. After the debate, a tea dance is planned for the debaters and interested students.

## DANCING DISCONTINUED

The Lenten season has been the cause of the temporary cessation of our dancing activities. George Joseph, dance master of the Gavelleer sponsored dancing class, announced that his class would continue after Easter. The regular Monday night gym dances, as well, will be postponed until that time.

## STICK DELEGATES

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out doubt the outstanding organization of its kind, and the Associated Teachers College Division, with which THE STICK is affiliated, is particularly adapted to deal with the special problems involved in putting out a paper in a school of this type.

Upon arriving in New York, the Fitchburg delegation, which had joined that from Bridgewater, quartered themselves in the Hotel Bristol, and rested from their nocturnal journey while awaiting the opening of festivities in the McMillan Theatre early Thursday afternoon.

Thus started a series of lectures, forums, informal meetings, and entertainment which will continue with hardly a let-up until Saturday noon, when a luncheon meeting will close the conference. Some of the outstanding leaders in the field of journalism have been obtained to deliver highly informative lectures to the assemblage—writers, professors of journalism, editors, reporters, and executives will contribute to a well-rounded program designed to touch all phases of school journalism.

The forums, which often prove to be the most helpful part of the program, give the journalists a unique opportunity to meet and exchange ideas, discuss experiences, and generally help each other in improving the quality of their work. Many times, they give rise to informal gatherings of delegates especially interested in one phase of the work, at which they are able to solve many problems that confront them. In addition to this, most of the groups submit samples of their publication for exhibition. These exhibits show the delegates what can be and is being done in the field, and are the nucleus for many new developments in future issues.

Nor is the entertainment of the delegates neglected. Probably the greatest feature in this phase of

## AS WE SEE OTHERS THROUGH THEIR PAPERS

Of all the newspapers that come to this desk, the "Clark News" is the most vigorously cosmopolitan. Campus news, fine arts reviews, popular style "quote" articles, sports, all have a robust facility worthy of our humble imitation. Occasionally stories go off into massed phrases of technical terms, or extended titles in French or German. "...News" is definitely number one in our culture parade.

In "The Suffolk Journal" we find profession-consciousness plus. Half a page is given over to recent legal decisions, and much of the news concerns alumni in the field. On the human side are a multitude of entertaining and instructive features. The best bit is by the president, Mr. Archer, whom we have known as a radio historian and commentator.

the program, and certainly one which is rare, is a visit to the New York World's Fair by bodies of delegates as part of the conference. This fair has exceptional merits both from an entertainment and an educational point of view. Then, for individual tastes, the evenings are left free so that each may pursue his own desires. And, where is there a variety of entertainment as there is in New York?

Upon returning Saturday night, it is certain that the students who are making this trip will be in a position to bring about many improvements in our student publications. From this conference will come many benefits, both to the representatives themselves, and to the school in general.

Mr. Henry Healy, supervisor at the Junior High School, suffered a severe heart attack on February 21st. Although he is improving, he is not yet receiving visitors. We wish him a speedy recovery.

# S P O R T S

## FRAMINGHAM TO HOLD GIRLS' PLAY DAY

Twelve Fitchburg girls will go to Framingham tomorrow morning for a basketball play day where girls from Lowell, Fitchburg, and Framingham will play basketball, ping-pong, and shuffleboard.

They will be the luncheon guests of Framingham. Those chosen by Miss Bolger, Lillian Szocik, and Anna Clifford to represent F. T. C. are: A. Clifford, C. Lyons, M. Disken, E. Dormin, H. Whitcomb, R. Hughes, E. O'Connor, L. Szocik, S. Waris, E. Connelly, D. Hackett, and F. Merritt.

## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SEASON OPENS

The six week volleyball season of practices, class games, Orange and White games, and a tentative game with Cushing Academy opened this week with practices on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Helen Whitcomb, head of volleyball, will hold three hours of practice a week as scheduled: Tues. 3 to 4 Juniors and Seniors, 4 to 5 o'clock Freshman and Sophomores; Thurs. 4 to 5 alternating every week between Juniors and Seniors, and Freshman and Sophomores.

### GAME RESULTS

F.T.C.-37	Farmington	36
F.T.C.-30	Gorham	39
F.T.C.-28	Assumption	34
F.T.C.-41	Hyannis	21
F.T.C.-31	Salem	29
F.T.C.-26	Bridgewater	32
F.T.C.-34	Worc. Tech.	63
F.T.C.-23	Assumption	26
F.T.C.-41	New Britain	33
F.T.C.-45	Rhode Island C.E.	37
F.T.C.-43	Rhode Island C.E.	44
F.T.C.-40	Keene	62
Total 418		456

### SEASON'S RECORD

Won-5	Lost-7	Average-416
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## R.I.C.E. NIPS F.T.C. IN THRILLER 44-43

Last Wednesday at the B. F. Brown Gym, a fast travelling Rhode Island College of Education team defeated our Conference leading team 44-43.

R. I. C. E. started off in whirlwind fashion leading 6-1 the first two minutes of play. Then our boys loosened up and started scoring. Creamer, Berry, and Deveikus scored in rapid succession. From there on our team led the game until the last minute of play. The last minute was a thriller. Rhode Island came from behind and scored three successive baskets for a one-point lead. Our boys, however, were not discouraged. They fought and "plugged", carrying the ball down into scoring position. A fast pass came from Creamer to Deveikus, Deveikus shot and missed but was fouled. Then a controversy arose. The timer blew his whistle for the end of the game the same time as the referee's whistle blew calling for two free shots for Deveikus. It was decided that the game ended before Deveikus was fouled.

For Fitchburg, Creamer, Deveikus, and Berry were outstanding on the offense; Daniels and Smith proved capable as defensive men. Hastings also played a good game.

### SCORING FOR YEAR

NAME	P.	B.	F.	T.P.
Creamer	F	43	18	104
Deveikus	C	40	23	103
Smith	F	35	11	81
Berry	G	17	18	52
Daniels	G	10	9	29
Bennett	F	8	3	19
Hastings	F	5	2	12
Konsavage	G	3	6	12
Shinner	F	1	1	3
Sullivan	G	1	0	2
Murphy	G	0	1	1
Total		163	92	418

## F.T.C. TO LOSE FOUR SENIOR HOOPSTERS

Although losing more games than they won, our varsity proved to be quite a stumbling block to other teams in the Teachers College Conference. A veteran team from last year in the fact they had played often together, they still started the season with two Seniors and three Sophomores. In losing seven games Fitchburg dropped one by nine points, after a 200-mile automobile trip; two by six points, one by three, and one by one point. In the two free scoring games, they were beaten by Worc. Tech which is now in the lead for New England honors and with a weak team, they lost to Keene.

Much credit should be given to Coach Healy in his attempt to build a winning team, by his planning of defensive and offensive plays, his organization of a J. V. team and his untiring efforts to find a better place to hold games and practices.

From this year's squad of nine varsity men we will lose our high scorer and leader Captain Creamer, Joe Daniels veteran of four years; Aub Hastings, who although not in a starring role played hard and effectively; and last a new comer this year, Neil Sullivan, who came out the latter part of the season.

For next year we have Gil Berry, Chet Smith, "Stoope" Deveikus, Bert Bennett, and Bill Konsavage. All of next year's J. V. squad will return with a year of much needed experience under its belt.

So in farewell to the 1938-1939 basketball season, I would like to say I think we had a successful season, for when we lost, we lost fighting hard always trying and never giving up.





## Campus Chatter

This is your F. T. C. reporter Joseph Joseph (no relation to George T.) bringing you the latest news from everywhere.

Berlin—Adolph Hitler gives the world 24 hours to get out!

Groton—Cutler spends his vacation without Merritt.

Palmer Hall—Following a strenuous evening at the Gavel Hawk: Stony Anderson says quote "I'm bushed, fellows, I'm bushed."

Fitchburg—Miss Webster has made an exception to rigid class attendance rules—marriage.

Brattleboro—Pettee is about to become a godfather—his pet poolle is expecting a multiple blessed event.

A pussybumper is an intellectually amorphous form parasitic on the vanity of faculty members.

We were very much surprised at the outburst which preceded the Tuesday morning assembly. Did someone sit on a tack?

Why didn't someone ask the magician to wave his magic wand at the statues in the lobby?

We see that the contours on Edgar's head are again exposed—a sure sign of spring.

Staff members in New York write, "Having a fine time, wish you were here".

I'm no gentleman, but then your no blonde either.

## The Curse of The Statues

When you walk into the lobby  
With your Dot or Vie or Bobby  
And you nestle close and hold  
her hand so fine  
Though you think that none can  
see you

Every statue that surrounds you  
Is laughing at your actions and  
your line.

On the eastern side, by Garthy\*  
Near the room of Miss McCarthy,  
Joan of Arc is listening to your  
rhyme;  
She's just sitting there and  
dreaming,  
And yet all the while she's  
scheming  
How to foil your hopes and  
thwart you every time.

On the western side, stands Hebe  
With heart hard as a B\*B,  
As she holds her chalice out to  
rob the poor;  
So beware, my fond young lover,  
Keep your kisses under cover,  
For the gods are ever wise to  
you, young wooer.

Just across from "Doctor's" office  
Stands the armless goddess Venus  
Who is noted for her beauty and  
her charms;  
And beside her stands Diana,  
Goddess of the hunt and fauna,  
Who'd have your joy cut short  
as Venus' arms.

Now although you came to college  
In the hope of wealth and knowledge,  
You might as well go back from  
whence you came.  
For no matter how you study,  
Just remember this, my buddy;  
The statues' curse will ever mar  
your fame.

\*Unidentified hero whose name  
fits the rhyme scheme.

## Little Known Facts About Well Known People

Playing for opposite high-school teams, Ray Creamer and Ed O'Sheasy were bitter rivals until united at Fitchburg. They once served as lifeguards at a private beach and turned in a record of 14 rescues and no losses.

Paul Martilla possesses numerous trophies won in swimming meets—he showed great promise until marriage cut him down.

Stan English was an All-City North High in Worcester and is currently playing hockey for one of the best amateur units in the state. He set a high-school record by scoring nine goals in one game.

Jerry Lyons won many dance contests with her fancy stepping.

Joe Daniels jumped center for Commerce High when that school boasted of a basketball team that put together 37 victories and won the state championship. They were eliminated in the third round of the nationals.

Chet Bercume annually leads the parade of six hitters in the Worcester County Baseball League.

Russ Gearan once presided over the Assembly Debating Club of Worcester Commerce—an aggregation rated as the finest in its field in New England.

John Gearan blazed a trail on the Gardner gridiron that earned him the title of "Ace" Gearan.

Harry Moore won a prize with a pig whose features were graced by a reasonably exact facsimile of a pair of glasses.

Though he never attended the school, Henry Kosciuszko plays for the alumni of Holden High each year when they play the varsity of that school.

John Guilfoil never took a music lesson in his life.

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## EDUCATIONAL BILLS BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Bills which are now before the Legislature of Massachusetts number many in the educational field. Among those which will affect teachers are:

House 241—A bill for raising the minimum wage of Massachusetts teachers from \$750 to \$950. (This has already appeared in committee)

House 258—Repeal of the teachers' oath law (Defeated in the House)

House 317—Bill to reduce the number leaving school before the age of sixteen by limiting further the exemptions allowed under the compulsory attendance law.

House 318—Authorization of school committees to employ visitors to promote cooperation between school and home.

House 458—To amend the present insurance law to permit high school athletes to receive aid in case of injury through the establishment of an aid benefit fund.

President Herlihy appeared before the Massachusetts legislative committee on ways and means Tuesday, January 7, to explain the budget requests at Fitchburg for the biennium 1939-1940.

This is the first experience in the state when a Legislature must vote for two years.

There was a vote a week ago not to repeal the teachers' oath law, despite Governor Saltonstall's public announcement approving a vote to repeal the law.

## CLASS DAY PROGRAM

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immediately following the buffet supper on the campus.

President Herlihy has invited representatives from each of the four classes to confer with a faculty committee in preparing a wholly new type of class day exercises this year.

## ANN MCINTIRE TO HEAD SAX DANCE

Miss Ann McIntire, general chairman of the Sax dance to be held in the college library has appointed her committees. At some time during the evening the year books will be passed out, which makes it a social event that the whole student body will be looking forward to.

The committees are:

Invitations and Printing—Lawrence Houle (Chairman), Steven Leszuk, and Rita Hastings.

Music—Helen McAuliff (Chairman), Aubrey Hastings, Madalyn Wolfeson, John Gearan.

Advertising—Constance Day (Chairman), Margaret Burke, Eugene Ciavola.

Distribution of Books—Norma Richardson and Paul Martilla.

Decorations—Beulah Mitchell (Chairman), Alice Silverberg, John Matyosaitis, Elinore Scully, Chester Bercume, and Edward O'Sheasy.

## SCHEDULE

### WEEK OF MARCH 13

#### Monday

12:35 P. M.—Intra-mural board meeting

3:30 P. M.—Intra-mural volley ball

6:30 P. M.—Mohawk meeting

6:30 P. M.—Gav. meeting

#### Tuesday

12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation

4:00 P. M.—Girls' volleyball

#### Wednesday

12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation

3:30 P. M.—Baseball battery

4:00 P. M.—Intra-mural volley ball

#### Thursday

4:00 P. M.—Girls' volleyball

#### Friday

12:20 P. M.—Co-ed recreation

An Art Club meeting was held Monday, March 6, at 3:p.m. in Miss Lamprey's room. Plans for a trip to Worcester to see the Flemish Art exhibit at the Art Museum on March 8 were discussed.

## FRESHMAN CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY FOR ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

"Prose Preferred" by Arthur Kaser is the play chosen by the committee of the freshman class to be produced at the assembly Tuesday, March 14, when the class takes charge of the assembly program. Kenneth Sweeney and Frances Merritt, appointed to arrange the program, have completed their plans.

Eileen O'Neil and Frank Onischuck have the leading roles in the fast moving one act farce, which is being directed by Miss Nixon, the class sponsor. Others in the cast are Thomas Moran, Francis Murphy, Ruth Hanson, Madeline Howe, and Adele Lach.

Mr. Overing of Orange presented an interesting varied program at assembly Tuesday, performing many magical feats, portraying character sketches, and making unusual fabric pictures. The whole student body enjoyed his witty remarks and the poetry accompanying his demonstrations.

## COMMISSIONER DOWNEY

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ican history teaching to include the study of governments with which the American system must compete.

"It is the business of the schools," Downey declared, "to train citizens to sit in their living rooms and evaluate the day's news and to arm them with facts against barrages of propaganda addressed to this country."

A similar proposal was issued by the John Dewey Society, a group of the prominent educators of the country, in its recent book "Democracy and the Curriculum."

The staff of THE STICK and members of the school body extend their expression of sympathy and understanding to Norma Hadd in the loss of her father, and to Ray Creamer in the loss of his mother.